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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) An isolated polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:19,
 - (b) a polypeptide comprising an a naturally occurring amino acid sequence having at least 90% sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19, and
 - (c) a biologically active polypeptide fragment of a polypeptide comprising at least 30 contiguous the amino acids acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:19, and.
 - d) an immunogenic fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID-NO:19.
- 2. (Previously Presented) An isolated polypeptide of claim 1, having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:19.
- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Cancelled)
- 5. (Cancelled)
- 6. (Cancelled)

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- 7. (Cancelled)
- 8. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a polypeptide of claim 1, the method comprising:
 - (a) culturing a cell under conditions suitable for expression of the polypeptide,
 wherein said cell is transformed with a recombinant polynucleotide and said
 recombinant polynucleotide comprises a promoter sequence operably linked to a
 polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide of claim 1, and
 - (b) recovering the polypeptide so expressed.
- 9. (Cancelled)
- 10. (Cancelled)
- 11. (Cancelled)
- 12. (Cancelled)
- 13. (Cancelled)
- 14. (Cancelled)

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- 15. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a polypeptide of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
- 16. (Cancelled)
- 17. (Cancelled)
- 18. (Cancelled)
- 19. (Cancelled)
- 20. (Cancelled)
- 21. (Cancelled)
- 22. (Cancelled)
- 23. (Cancelled)
- 24. (Cancelled)
- 25. (Cancelled)

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- 26. (Cancelled)
- 27. (Cancelled)
- 28. (New) A method for screening a compound for effectiveness as an agonist of the polypeptide of claim 1, said method comprising:
 - (a) exposing a sample comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 to a compound;
 - (b) detecting the presence of any agonist activity in said sample.
- 29. (New) A method for screening a compound for effectiveness as an antagonist of the polypeptide of claim 1, said method comprising:
 - (a) exposing a sample comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 to a compound;
 - (b) detecting the presence of any antagonist activity in said sample.